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Feather Bros., Hanover Street,

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### **Health Committee.**

The Worshipful the Mayor : Councillor W. WATERHOUSE, J.P.  
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Alderman E. WHALLEY, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor W. SMITH (E), J.P.

Alderman M. CARROLL.

Councillor F. BAXANDALL.

Councillor E. HUTCHINSON..

Councillor J. PROCTER.

Councillor O. SMITH.

Councillor J. W. WARDLE.

Councillor E. E. HOOPER (Retired 13/7/42).

Councillor W. G. HILL (Appointed 8/9/42).

### **Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.**

The Worshipful the Mayor : Councillor W. WATERHOUSE, J.P.  
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor E. E. HOOPER (Retired 13/7/42).

Councillor J. W. WARDLE (Appointed 30/11/42).

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. W. WARDLE (To 29/11/42).

Councillor J. PROCTER (Appointed 30/11/42).

Members of the Health Committee, together with four C-opted Members

LADY HAGGAS, J.P.

Mrs. H. S. CLOUGH

Mrs. J. GROVES

Mrs. E. McNULTY

} Co-opted Members.

### **Children of Women War Workers Sub-Committee.**

The Worshipful the Mayor : Councillor W. WATERHOUSE, J.P.  
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor E. E. HOOPER (Retired 13/7/42).

Councillor J. W. WARDLE (Appointed 30/11/42).

Vice-Chairman : LADY HAGGAS, J.P. (To 9/11/42).

Councillor J. PROCTER (Appointed 30/11/42).

Members of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, together with  
the following Co-opted Members :

Mrs. CRAVEN LAYCOCK.

Mrs. H. HARDAKER.

Miss H. CLOUGH.

**Staff.**

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :

H. MAINWARING HOLT, Esq., T.D., M.B., B.S., (Lond.),  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Leeds).

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer :

Miss ISABELLA SIM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Resigned 30/9/42).

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School  
Medical Officer :

Miss ISABEL MARGARET MARSHALL, M.B., Ch.B.  
(Appointed 1/12/42).

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Medical Officer for  
Maternity and Child Welfare :

Mrs. FLORENCE MURIEL LOUISE HOLT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Ante and Post Natal Consultant :

Mrs. R. H. B. ADAMSON, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

Mr. THOMAS LINDSAY, M.S.I.A.††§¶

Director of Cleansing :

Mr. C. ROBINSON, M.Inst.P.C.

District Sanitary Inspectors :

Mr. BAILEY THORNTON, M.S.I.A.\*†

Mr. WILLIAM ASA BAILEY, M.S.I.A.\*†

Mr. BERT CLEAR, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.\*†§+

Mr. ARTHUR HOWARD, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I., A.I.S.E. ††§+

Mr. JOHN WILSON, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.††§  
(serving with H.M. Forces).

Mr. MAURICE FAWCETT, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.††  
(Resigned 31/5/42).

Superintendent Health Visitor :

Miss H. A. SHUTT (Resigned 31/3/42).

Health Visitors :

Miss D. S. McCONVILLE.

Miss M. SHIPLEY (Part-time).

Miss L. GRUNDY (Part-time).

Miss D. WEATHERHEAD.

Miss W. RADCLIFFE (Part-time) (Resigned 28/2/42).

Miss A. E. FLOCKTON (Temporary) (Appointed 19/1/42).

Miss I. FELL (Appointed 3/8/42).

Mrs. K. M. WATERHOUSE (Temporary) (Appointed 1/12/42).

## Scabies Nurse :

Mrs. E. YATES (Appointed 5/10/42).

## Chief Clerk :

Mr. LESLIE C. HODGKISS.

## Clerks :

Mr. KENNETH WEATHERHEAD.

Miss LYDIA M. TERRY.

Miss MARIE DAVY.

Miss BETTY STANWORTH (Resigned 31/10/42).

Mr. ALLAN CROWTHER (Serving with H.M. Forces).

Miss MARY COTTERILL (Part-time) (Serving with H.M. Forces  
as from 2/7/42).

Miss MURIEL LEIGHTON (Serving with H.M. Forces as from  
14/10/42).

Miss BETTIE GORDON.

Mrs. E. HOOLEY (Appointed 30/3/42).

Miss MURIEL McDOWELL (Appointed 31/8/42).

Miss BETTY POOLEY (Appointed 1/11/42).

\*Certificate of the R.San.I. for Sanitary Inspectors.

†Certificate of the R.San.I. and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

‡Certificate of the R.San.I. for Meat and Other Foods Inspection.

§Certificate of the R.San.I. for Smoke Inspectors.

¶Certificate of Liverpool University for Sanitary Science.

+ Certificate of City and Guilds London Institute for Boiler House Practice.

## Staff at "Woodbine" Day Nursery.

## Matron :

Miss C. JONES (Resigned 22/9/42).

Miss W. STANIFORD (Appointed 23/9/42. Resigned 31/12/42).

## Sister :

Miss V. BRIDGES.

## Staff Nurse :

Miss J. McKECHNIE (Appointed 23/3/42. Resigned 30/9/42).

Miss J. M. CLARKSON (Appointed 1/10/42).

Three whole-time Child Care Reserve Nurses.

One part-time Child Care Reserve Nurse (Appointed 22/6/42).

Cook.

Housemaid.

Handyman.



## **BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.**

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.  
Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my thirteenth Annual Report on the work of the Health Services of the Borough for the year 1942.

In spite of three years of war the health of the town is well maintained ; the prevalence of Scabies, however, continues to provide anxiety. The administrative measures to combat this condition are working well but the difficulty is with the slight and unidentified cases. The public must understand the highly contagious nature of "itch" and the necessity for early diagnosis and treatment.

The birth rate although improved is tragically below where it ought to be. The community needs a constant flow of young life not only to meet natural loss but also to make good the toll of life consequent on the waging of hostilities. The application of easily accessible means whereby love may be dissociated from the birth of children aggravates the problem. Unless some marked change of outlook is forthcoming there will be a very serious diminution of the population in the next few years followed by rapid decline.

Many people are badly housed ; bad houses breed more than disease, they breed misery, immorality, crime, revolution. There can be no social security unless the people are decently housed and it is to be hoped that the problems of population and housing will be met in bold and statesmanlike fashion now ; procrastination will spell disaster.

The incidence of Infectious Disease has continued its favourable course. There was a slight increase of little significance in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever

The year has been characterised by a good deal of anxiety not only in connection with the work of the department but in work associated with the prosecution of the war and I am grateful for the support of my staff who have given loyally and ungrudgingly of their best.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

H. M. HOLT,

Public Health Department,

Medical Officer of Health.

Lowfield House,

Town Hall Square,

Keighley.

## **BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.**

### **A.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.**

The population according to the Registrar's Estimate for 1942 is 54,400.

The estimated number of inhabited houses is 18,396. The rateable value is £365,375, and the sum represented by a Penny Rate, £1,390.

### **PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.**

The weekly average number of persons registered as unemployed during the year was 57, and in Haworth 7, which on comparison with the previous year will show a very considerable improvement.

### **VITAL STATISTICS.**

**Births.** The total number of births registered was 765, 21 of these being still-births. The Birth Rate is 14.06.

**Deaths.** The Deaths registered for the year are 754. The Death Rate is 13.86.

### **STREET ACCIDENTS.**

There were 3 fatal road accidents during the year.

### **INFANT MORTALITY.**

The number of infants dying under one year of age is 33. The Infant Mortality Rate is 43.14 per 1,000 births registered.

### **MATERNAL MORTALITY.**

The number of women dying directly as a result of child-birth is 4. The Maternal Mortality Rate is 5.23.

### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.**

The natural increase or decrease per 1,000 of the population is plus 0.20.

Poor Relief administered amounted to £9,722 10s. 8d.



## B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

### 1.—HOSPITALS PROVIDED.

The Hospital Services remain the same.

**Fever Hospitals.**—The following cases were admitted to the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital at Morton Banks.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	96
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	32
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	11
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	7
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2
Tuberculosis, Other Forms	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	4
Total					156

**Smallpox Hospitals.**—Accommodation is the same.

**Tuberculosis Sanatoria.**—Facilities remain the same.

**Maternity Hospitals.**—The number of confinements in the County Hospital was 253.

**Children's Hospitals.**—Facilities are the same.

### 2.—AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Borough is provided with two civilian ambulances which are available for accidents and the transport of the sick, etc.

In accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 2502, the Civilian Ambulance Service was handed over to the Health Committee by the National Fire Service on the 1st April, 1942.

Under arrangements with the local Air Raid Precautions Authority each ambulance is manned by a driver and attendant attached to the Civil Defence First Aid Party and Ambulance Services. Accommodation for the vehicles and personnel is provided at the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital.

As from the above date the Keighley Corporation entered into an agreement with the Keighley and District Victoria Hospital whereby the use of the ambulances was made available to contributors to their Workpeople's Collection Scheme throughout the whole of the Hospital Area in accordance with the following scale of charges :—

(1) Accidents within the Borough. Free.

(2) Stretcher cases within the Hospital Area. On the recommendation of a Medical Attendant and who are unable to use normal means of conveyance.

Members of Victoria Hospital 3d. per week (1942) Contributory Scheme. Free.

Other Persons : Charge at discretion of Hospital Authorities not exceeding 5/- within the Borough and 1/6d. per mile (including outward and inward journeys) in other parts of the Hospital Area, plus waiting time in excess of half-hour at the rate of 1/3d. per half-hour or portion thereof.

(3) Cases outside Hospital Area. A charge is made by the Corporation at the rate of 1/6d. per mile (including outward and inward journeys) for the first 30 miles and 1/- per mile for each additional mile or part, plus waiting time in excess of half-hour at the rate of 1/3d. per half-hour or portion thereof.

The ambulances were called out on 845 occasions throughout the year and covered a total of 5375 miles.

### 3.—CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

**School Clinics.**—See Annual Report of School Medical Officer.

**Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.**—Details of these services are the same.

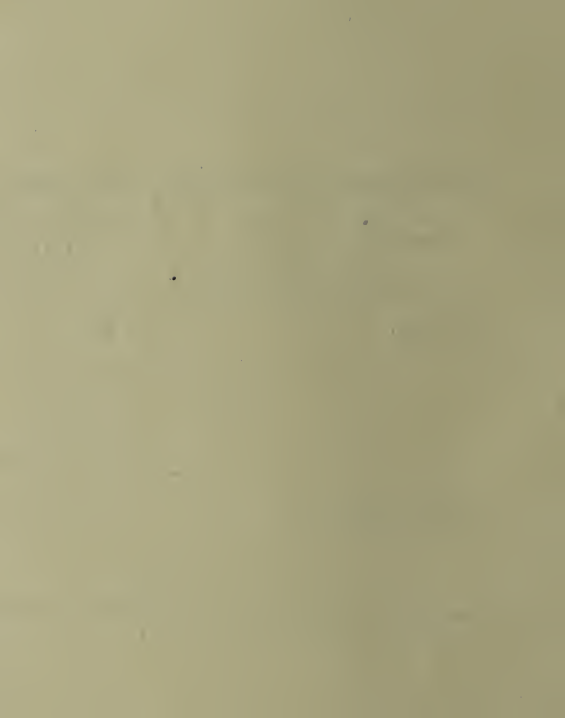
**Orthopædic Clinic, Ophthalmic Clinic and Ultra Violet Clinic.**—See Annual Report for 1938.

**Dental Clinic.**—No important change has been made in the services available.

**Scabies Clinic.**—Special facilities are in operation for the treatment of Scabies ; during the year 686 cases were treated ; a table of the results of treatment is included in this Report.

Table of Results of Treatment for Scabies in the Borough during 1942.

Method of Treatment.	No. of Individual Cases Treated.	No. of Contacts Treated.	No. of Cases Cured.	No. under observation, 31.12.42	No. Re-infected.		No. requiring more than one course of Treatment.	Left the District.	Evacuees.	No. of failures with Sulphur Ointment.
					Contacts not Treated.	Fresh exposure to infection.				
Proscabin	86 Men	35	39	0	7	2	0	1	0	0
	241 Women	71	103	0	4	25	0	2	5	0
	73 Infants	33	93	1	2	11	11	11	11	0
	284 School Children	67	284	10	10	116	171	12	36	0
Sulphur Ointment	2 School Children	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	686	206	521	11	23	154	184	26	52	2



**Details of Dental Treatment of Maternity and  
Child Welfare Patients.**

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	26

**Dental Treatment of Toddlers.**

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

**Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Clinics.** See Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

**Home Helps.**—The details of this service are the same as those shown previously. 11 applications for the services of "Home-Helps" were received and appropriately dealt with.

**Ante and Post Natal Consultant.**—1 case attended the consultant in Leeds during 1942.

**Mothercraft Classes.**—The average attendance was 30.

#### **4 and 5.—PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIVES.**

Details of these services are the same.

#### **6.—INSTITUTIONAL MIDWIFERY.**

The question of the accommodation of maternity cases desiring institutional treatment arose as a result of the congestion in the maternity wards at the County Hospital, Keighley, whereat such cases had been previously treated.

The County Council decided that the bookings of "private" cases (approximately half of the total number) should cease and that future bookings of residents in the Borough of Keighley area, other than those in receipt of Public Assistance, would be accepted only on the financial authority of the Keighley Corporation and that the following types of cases should be admitted :—

- (1) Cases of abnormality where maternity home treatment was desirable.
- (2) Patients where home conditions were certified as unsuitable for confinement.
- (3) Primiparæ.

Subject to accommodation being available, patients in excess of those accommodated in the County Hospital, Keighley, would be admitted to the Walton Hall Emergency Maternity Home.

The basis of charges for maintenance in the maternity wards at the County Hospital, Keighley, are as follows :—

The charge made by the County Council to the Keighley Corporation is 7/6 per patient per day, the charge to be recovered from the patient except that relief will be given according to the following scale—

No. in family	Net Income per Week.					
	Not exceeding	Relief	Between	Relief	Exceeding	Relief
2	50/-	50%	50/1 and 55/-	25%	55/-	Nil
3	55/-	„	55/1 „ 60/-	„	60/-	„
4	60/-	„	60/1 „ 67/6	„	67/6	„
5	67/6	„	67/7 „ 75/-	„	75/-	„
6	75/-	„	75/1 „ 82/6	„	82/6	„
7	82/6	„	82/7 „ 90/-	„	90/-	„

The net income per week is arrived at by deducting the actual weekly rent paid or Building Society payment, plus rates, from the gross income as set out on the form of application.

These arrangements came into operation on the 1st December, 1942.

### 7.—LABORATORY WORK.

281 specimens from Hospitals and general practitioners and 521 from the Public Health Department have been submitted to the West Riding County Council for bacteriological examination.

203 samples of water have been submitted by the Waterworks Engineer for bacteriological examination.

### RAINFALL.

The total annual rainfall as measured in the gauge situated at the Public Abattoir is as follows :

January	...	...	...	...	3.95 inches
February	...	...	...	...	1.18 „
March	...	...	...	...	2.86 „
April	...	...	...	...	1.49 „
May	...	...	...	...	3.39 „
June	...	...	...	...	1.42 „



July	...	...	...	...	2.46 inches
August	...	...	...	...	3.18 „
September	...	...	...	...	2.01 „
October	...	...	...	...	4.60 „
November	...	...	...	...	1.67 „
December	...	...	...	...	3.21 „
Total					31.42 „

### 8.—PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

See front page.

### 9.—SCHOOLS.

See separate report on School Medical Services.

## C.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

### 1.—NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

200 visits of investigation were paid and 197 for the purpose of disinfection.

No cases of Smallpox were notified.

(a) **Measles.**—The number of cases notified was 891. No deaths were registered.

(b) **Whooping Cough.**—The number of cases notified was 45. There was 1 death.

(c) **Scarlet Fever.**—The number of cases notified was 106. No deaths were registered. 90.6% of the notified cases were removed to Hospital.

(d) **Diphtheria.**—The number of cases notified was 32. 2 deaths occurred and 96.9% of the notified cases were removed to Hospital.

(e) **Cerebro-Spinal Fever.**—11 cases were notified, which were removed to Hospital. The deaths registered numbered 8.

(f) **Para-Typhoid Fever.**—No cases were notified.

(g) **Zymotic Enteritis (Summer Diarrhoea).**—No cases came to the notice of the Department.

(h) **Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**—3 cases were brought to the notice of the Department and they were followed up.

(i) **Puerperal Pyrexia.**—8 cases were notified, 1 of which died.

(j) **Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia.**—41 cases were notified. The deaths registered numbered 30.

(k) **Tuberculosis.**—35 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, Non-Pulmonary cases notified being 12. 18 Pulmonary and 4 Non-Pulmonary deaths were registered.

(l) **Influenza.**—There were no deaths certified from this disease.

(m) **Erysipelas.**—The number of cases notified was 6. There were no deaths.

(n) **Dysentery.**—The number of cases notified was 4. There were no deaths.

## 2.—CANCER—MALIGNANT DISEASE.

The number of deaths registered was 117. The number of patients admitted from Keighley Victoria Hospital to the Radium Therapy Department of the Bradford Royal Infirmary totalled 3 and the total number of days stay amounted to 10. Similar arrangements exist for treatment as shown previously.

## D.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### 1.—ADMINISTRATION.

The clinic facilities are the same as shown in last year's report.

#### Notification of Births.

Number notified 765. Of these 13 were illegitimate and 21 were still-births, 363 of these occurred in maternity homes or institutions.

## 2.—SUMMARY OF VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS.

The total number of visits was 17,359.

### Welfare Centres.

The days and times of the clinic sessions remain the same.

Total number on registers at end of year :—

Babies	...	...	...	...	1287
Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	647
Post-Natal	...	...	...	...	80
Toddlers	...	...	...	...	173

The following summary shows the work done :—

	Baby Attendances	Baby Weigh'gs.	A.N. Mothers.	P.N. Mothers.	Toddlers.
Victoria Park	5132	5079	892	54	426
Westgate ...	4306	3789	876	30	238
Haworth ...	2073	2059	254	—	—
Morton ...	1009	1009	49	—	—
Oakworth ...	789	789	58	—	—

The number of infant consultations held by the medical officers in charge of the various centres was 5,658. The total number of Toddlers on the registers shows a slight decrease.

36 children were treated by artificial sunlight. Minor ailments treated were 30 and orthopædic cases treated were 41.

The number of mothers referred from the Ante-Natal Clinics for dental treatment was 26. The number of cases referred from Toddlers' Clinics for dental treatment was 9.

The Postural Clinic continues on similar lines. Details of this work are embodied in the Annual Report of the School Medical Officer for the current year.

### Infant Life Protection.

14 cases came to notice during the year. 7 cases were already under supervision from the previous year. 104 visits were made.

## 3.—MILK DISTRIBUTION.

The total net cost of dried milk distributed was £870 . 4s. 1d.

## WAR-TIME DAY NURSERY.

The War-time Day Nursery, "Woodbine," Skipton Road, Keighley, was open 303 days during the year. The total number of attendances was as follows :—

0—2 years — 3,354 showing an average of 11 per day

2—5 years — 4,227 showing an average of 14 per day

The total average attendances per day was 25, accommodation is provided for 40 and the prevalence of Measles was responsible for adversely affecting the average attendance figure.

The staff includes the Matron, Deputy Matron and Child Care Reserve Nurses in the proportion of one per five children. The domestic staff consists of a cook, housemaid and handyman ; the day nursery operates under the direction of the Day Nursery Management Committee.

## 4.—KEIGHLEY INFANTS' AID SOCIETY.

This Society still continues to readily co-operate with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, even though working under considerable handicaps.

## F.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### WATER.

The Borough Waterworks Undertaking is described in the Annual Report for 1938.

The Water Engineer has kindly supplied the following information :—

Total consumption of water within the Borough for the year 1942 for all purposes—39.32 gallons per day. For domestic and unmeasured purposes 22.43 gallons per day.

203 samples of water have been bacteriologically examined and the quality of the filtered and treated water has been satisfactory.

Close co-operation between the two Departments continues in the matter of water supplies.

There are still numerous private water supplies, particularly in connection with farm premises, which have been frequently sampled in the past and the users advised as to necessary precautions where the index of pollution indicated this as desirable. Such premises are outside the present economic possibility of having a suitable alternative wholesome supply laid on from the town's mains.

During the year seven such samples were taken, two of which were found to be unsatisfactory and were the subject of the above-mentioned advice.

Extension of the town's supply to outlying districts such as Goose Eye, Stanbury and Upper Marsh, Oxenhope, where comparatively small groups of dwellings are served by private supplies, still stands deferred until after the War due to the shortage of manpower and matériel and the veto by the Ministry of Health on such works.

### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There has been no evidence of river or stream pollution brought to the attention of the Department during the year.

### SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no privately owned swimming pools in the district, but the Corporation own two swimming baths of the first and second class types, which are described in the 1938 Report.

### DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The five sewage disposal works are fully described in the Annual Report for 1938.

No extension to the sewerage of the district has been carried out during the year.

### SANITARY Coveniences and Refuse Accommodation.

No. of Water Closets in premises, including houses	18,138
No. of Waste Water	do. do. ... 2,278
*No. of pail or tub closets	do. do. ... 72
No. of privies (at farms where no sewer and/or water supply is reasonably available)	... 235

\*Not including Air-Raid Shelters.



132 inspections were made regarding sanitary and refuse accommodation in connection with which the following improvements were affected :—

7 privies reconstructed as W.C's. and 6 privies otherwise reconstructed.

39 closets, other than privies, reconstructed as W.C's.

93 additional W.C's. and 4 other types provided.

234 W. C's. repaired or renewed.

276 premises were provided with regulation dust-bins in lieu of unsatisfactory refuse receptacles.

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Total number of premises dealt with	...	...	3,591
Total inspections for nuisances—Dwellings	...	1,481	
	Others	...	1,122
Total nuisances found	...	...	954
Number abated	...	...	857
Inspections and re-visits for other Statutory Purposes—Inspections	...	...	6,078
	—Re-visits	...	2,528
Number of Sanitary Improvements effected at premises controlled by Public Health and other Legislation	...	...	1,748
Number of interviews	...	...	1,671

### NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH.

	Notices Served.		Notices Complied with (including matters brought forward from 1941).	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
Public Health Acts	332	29	268	46
Housing Acts	4	—	4	2
Factories Act	4	—	43	2
Milk and Dairies Orders	4	—	2	—
Food and Drugs Act	3	—	12	—
Shops Act	1	—	1	1



## HOUSING.

### 1.—GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(a)	Total Number of Houses in Borough ... ..	18,396
(b)	Number of working-class houses included in above ...	16,464
(c)	Number of new houses built in 1942 ... ..	Nil

### 2.—OVERCROWDING.

The circumstances described in the 1941 Report have naturally progressed to a more morbid state and no relief is anticipated from this until the Government authorise Re-housing Schemes which are, of course, under current consideration.

12 recommendations to the Housing Committee were made on the grounds of technical overcrowding following 50 investigations. One occupier was required to abate overcrowding where circumstances indicated that such overcrowding was avoidable. One licence has been issued for temporary overcrowding due to abnormal circumstances.

Since the operation of the Act only 4,379 houses have been supplied with the "permitted number" by the Department.

### COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are two in the Borough, solely used by men, and they are well maintained. 50 inspections were made.

As a result of Ministry of Health advice re the danger of Louse-borne Typhus Fever such premises are inspected weekly to determine from the evidence available the number of inmates who are actually carrying lice on their persons. An examination of the bedding reveals this state of affairs. By arrangement with the Keeper the men are as soon as practicable transported to the Disinfestation Station for appropriate treatment to their bodies, clothing and other effects.

### Inspection of Factories.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with Mechanical Power ... ..	245	3	—
Factories without Mechanical Power ... ..	164	1	—
Other Premises under the Act	7	—	—
	416	4	—

### Defects found in Factories.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness ... ..	2	7	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ..	2	1	1	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
Insufficient ... ..	3	16	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ...	—	138	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	13	—	—
Other Offences ... ..	7	8	—	—
Total ..	14	183	1	—

## **SITES FOR MOVABLE DWELLINGS.**

6 sites for movable dwellings were licensed subject to the sanitary conditions being brought up to the standard specified in the licences. One application for licensing was refused.

## **OUTWORKERS.**

Lists were submitted by 3 employers, showing the employment of 4 persons. In every case the premises were visited and found to be satisfactory.

## **ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.**

During the year no continuous observations were made owing to the existence of a circular of the Ministry of Home Security advocating the emission of black smoke with a minimum of wastage of fuel.

**Soot Deposit Gauges.** 12 monthly deposits collected in gauges situate at the Public Baths and Morton Cemetery are as follows :

184 tons per square mile and 124 tons per square mile respectively.

## **FOOD INSPECTION AND THE SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.**

392 inspections were made of Food Premises.

The precautions outlined in the 1941 report are still being brought to the attention of food traders and their personnel generally.

## **BAKEHOUSES.**

There are 75 bakehouses in the district of which 7 are basement bakehouses licensed under the Factories Act, 1937.

## **MEAT SUPPLY.**

The circumstances are still the same as reported in the 1941 Report re private slaughterhouses and centralised slaughtering.

A 100% system of meat inspection is in force, and for the purpose of this system the Inspectors were on duty at the Public Abattoir on 698 occasions and on duty at private slaughterhouses on 4 occasions, and 103 special slaughtering visits were paid to farm premises for occasional licensed slaughter of pigs.

# Summary of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected at the Public Abattoir.

	Cattle (Excluding Cows)	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Animals killed and inspected	1243	638	541	8616	272
<b>All Diseases except Tuberculosis :</b>					
Whole carcases condemned ...	1	8	7	5	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	101	114	4	529	47
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	8.21	19.12	2.03	6.20	18.38
<b>Tuberculosis Only.</b>					
Whole carcases condemned ...	4	73	1	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	149	328	1	—	49
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis ... ..	12.31	62.85	0.37	—	18.01

## Number of Animals Killed and Weight in lbs. of Unsound Meat Surrendered.

	No. of Animals Killed and Inspected	Whole Carcases.		Part Carcases.		Offal.		Total.	
		T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes
Cows ... ..	638	34275	3617	1075	875	8575	3366	43925	7858
Other Cattle	1243	2147	239	894	313	3537	1831	6578	2383
Sheep ... ..	8616	—	229	—	48	—	733	—	1010
Pigs ... ..	272	—	549	—	43	651	163	651	755
Calves ... ..	541	108	332	—	10	2	5	110	347
<b>Totals ... ..</b>	<b>11310</b>	<b>36530</b>	<b>4966</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>12765</b>	<b>6098</b>	<b>51264</b>	<b>12353</b>

The total weight condemned therefore, was 28 tons,  
8 cwts., 1 lb

The total weight of other foodstuffs condemned was  
7 tons, 17 cwts. 3 qrs. 1 stone, 1 lb.



## FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The undermentioned samples were submitted to the Public Analyst :

Samples Taken.		No. Adulterated or Doubtful.
Milks (formal) ...	19	...
„ (informal) ...	2	...
Other Foods ...	37	...
(formal or informal)		13

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### Adulterated Samples, etc.

Article.	Whether Formal, or Informal.	Nature of Adulteration or Irregularity.	Observations.
“Special Lemon”	Informal	Contained not more than 2½% Lemon Juice (15% desirable minimum)	No action having regard to price charged for commodity (2½d. per bottle) and undertaking by manufacturers to amend misrepresentative label.
Lemon Squash	do.	do.	Manufactured in Eire. No action possible other than report to Ministry of Health
Lemon Squash	Formal	do.	
New Milk	do.	Contained only 94.3% minimum amount of fat required.	“Appeal to Cow” sample satisfactory. No formal action taken.
New Milk	do.	Contained only 98% minimum amount of fat required.	Explanation invited from producer. No formal action taken.
New Milk	do.	do.	do.
Blood Medicine	Informal	Contained only negligible amounts of Iron, Copper, Manganese, Phosphorus and Nitrogen ; so claims of being a blood purifier are misleading.	Formal sample taken.
“Nuworld” Egg Powder Substitute	do.	Contained no acid ingredient and would not reproduce baking properties of eggs. Label claiming that “1 ounce takes the place of 5 eggs” is false.	do.
do.	Formal	Consists of flour with 20% sodium bicarbonate and perhaps up to 2½% protein. Statements on packet incorrect and published contrary to Ministry of Food Regulations.	Manufactured and labelled prior to Ministry Licensing requirements. Manufacturers and purveyors warned. Undertake to withdraw commodity from market.
Blood Medicine	do.	Herbal extractive contains 0.022% Nitrogen. Mineral water contains Pot. Iodide 0.38%, Iron 0.0004%, Copper 0.00008%. Statement on label “makes new blood” definitely incorrect.	Purveyor warned re labelling and absence of statement of quantitative analysis.
New Milk	Informal	Contained only 2.70% Fat or only 90% minimum amount of Fat required.	Warning to producer purveyor to distribute the milk more equitably.
Baking Powder	do.	Contained only 3.9% available gas (6% desirable minimum).	Formal sample taken.
Egg Substitute	do.	Was really a Yorkshire Pudding mixture conforming to neither of the two types recognised by Ministry of Food.	Manufacturers warned. Issued to purveyor prior to substitute licensing. Undertake to withdraw from market.
Flour	do.	Doubtful. Was in bad condition, damp, fusty and contained lumps of dough.	No action. Slight odour dissipated itself on mixing and baking.
Custard Powder	do.	Doubtful. Contained mites.	No action taken. Not considered unfit for human consumption.
Baking Powder	Formal	Deficient in acid ingredient. Consisted of a mixture of Sodium Bicarbonate and Magnesium Sulphate. The name ‘Baking Powder’ was misleading.	Manufacturers claim special higher temperature action of ingredients of this commodity. Its age and effect of storage had resulted in the acid ingredients dissipating. Suggested to manufacturers that the active properties of the Baking Powder could not be assured after a period to be prescribed by the manufacturers.
Golden Block Margarine	Informal	Contained rancid coconut oil, whilst not injurious to health has unpleasant smell and would render material unsuitable for domestic uses.	Commodity submitted by local purveyor for analysis and advice. Commodity surrendered and used for inedible purposes.





## MILK SUPPLY.

**Production.** In the Borough are 245 cowkeepers at 251 milk farms housing approximately 3,252 cows in a total of 378 cowsheds. 50 of these farms are licensed by the West Riding County Council to produce "Accredited" milk and one to produce "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

**Purveying.** There are 209 wholesale traders (108 of these also retailing) and 179 retailing only (the latter including 132 shops registered for the sale of bottled milk). One shop-keeper is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested (Certified)" milk, produced and bottled in the Skipton Rural District. One licence to pasteurise bulk milk was extended for the year, and the holder of this licence retails pasteurised milk at 21 shops in the district.

638 visits to cowsheds and 299 visits to dairy premises were made.

## MILK SAMPLING.

### (a) To ascertain Cleanliness.

No. obtained and sent to County Laboratory for Examination.	Grade of Milk.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
4	Tuberculin Tested	3	1
154	Accredited	119	35
92	Pasteurised	60	32
275	Ordinary	213	62
<hr/> Total 525		<hr/> 395	<hr/> 130

or 75.24%\*      or 24.76%†

\*Comprises 368 produced in Keighley and 27 elsewhere.

†Comprises 125 produced in Keighley and 5 elsewhere.

### (b) For Presence of Tubercle Bacillus.

Of the above samples 478 were examined by the County Laboratory for presence of T.B. : 11 of these were notified as tuberculous. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the County Council took appropriate action which resulted in the affected animals being slaughtered.

### Offences other than Adulteration.

Article	Whether Formal, or Informal.	Nature of Irregularity	Observations
Fruit Preserving Tablets	Informal	Declaration as to preservative did not conform to requirements of Preservative Regulations (Schedule 2, Sec. 4). In other respects sample fairly correct (46.1% Sulphur Dioxide—48% claimed).	Warning to purveyor and manufacturers. Undertake to amend size of printed declaration so as to comply with Regulations.

### REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

244 premises are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for either the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice cream or the preparation or manufacture of sausage, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food.

4 transfers of occupiers were made.

Applications for the registration of 9 unsatisfactory premises are still in abeyance until the premises are made to comply with the provisions of the Act. Extensive alterations in these cases are not practicable until after the war.

4 premises are registered under Section 34 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for wholesale dealing in margarine and margarine—cheese.

1 Shop is registered for the sale and storage of artificial cream under Section 28 of the Act.

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

No Legal Proceedings were taken during the year.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in Borough, 13, comprising 5 Tanners and Leather Dressers, 1 Tripe Boiler, 1 Bone Boiler and Fat Refiner, 2 Tripe Boilers and Gut Scrapers, 1 Fat Refiner and 3 Rag and Bone Dealers. The 59 Fish Friers, whose trade at the moment is not regarded

as offensive, are now all registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Number of Inspections made—145.

## **REPRESSION OF VERMIN.**

### **Rats.**

226 visits were paid to rat infested premises and advice given.

471 visits were paid by the Ratcatcher to infested premises and 567 rats were known to have been caught or baits taken. It is, of course, impossible to record how many rats have been destroyed in addition to this figure as a result of advice given.

### **Verminous Houses and Household Effects.**

The facilities for disinfection prior to removal to Corporation houses, as described in the 1938 report, are still available.

381 inspections were made of 223 alleged verminous premises, following which liquid and gaseous vermicide treatment has been carried out in 49 instances by a private contractor.

In addition to this formal action, other informal action in the form of advice has resulted in numerous other premises being treated by owners and occupiers to repress vermin.

## **DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS AND ORDERS.**

The Chief Sanitary Inspector is the Council's Inspector under these Acts and senior officers of the Police act as officers of Local Authority for the purpose of granting licences and other administrative duties. A summary of action taken by all officers is as follows :

### **Anthrax Order, 1938.**

In 1942 there were 5 suspected cases, none of which was confirmed.

### **Tuberculosis Order, 1938.**

60 Form "A" Notices were served. Of these 8 were withdrawn and 52 animals were slaughtered.

### **Swine Fever Order, 1938.**

There were 6 suspected cases, none of which was confirmed by the Ministry.

### **Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1922.**

1 Form "A" Licence was issued affecting the movement of 3 pigs.

### **Sheep Scab.**

There was one confirmed case. The prescribed notices were served in connection therewith.

### **Movement of Animals Landing from Ireland and Channel Islands Regulations, 1923.**

1 Licence issued affecting movement of 10 Cattle.

### **RAG FLOCKS ACTS, 1911 to 1928.**

### **FABRICS (MISDESCRIPTION) ACT, 1913.**

No action found necessary.

### **SHOPS ACT, 1934.**

26 unsatisfactory conditions under the Shops Acts were remedied, consisting of improved ventilation, provision of washing facilities and provision of sanitary accommodation.

## G.—CLEANSING.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The following table gives the classified loads from each district during the year.

District	House Refuse		Trade Refuse		Night Soil No. of Pails	Abat- toir Refuse	Mis- cella- neous
	Team	Motor	Team	Motor			
Keighley Old Boro' (including Laycock)	869	3757	1	303	5313	120	703
Riddlesden & Morton	—	514	—	52	629	—	—
Oxenhope	435	—	—	—	4675	—	22
Haworth	—	463	—	52	1173	—	—
Oakworth	717	153	—	—	1269	—	—
Stanbury	109	—	—	—	3921	—	—
Newsholme and Goose Eye	—	27	—	—	1723	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2130</b>	<b>4914</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>18703</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>725</b>

The Department is responsible only for the Collection and Disposal of House Refuse and Nightsoil. Street and Gully Cleansing, Snow Removal and Street Gritting are the responsibility of the Highway Department.

The work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner, despite the fact that with ever increasing salvage efforts and shortage of staff, the collection of house refuse has been made most irregular, but the public have been very patient and very few complaints were received during the year, the public realising the difficulties under which we were working.

The Disposal side is by controlled tipping—six in all being situated as follows : Marley, 1 ; Oakworth, 2 (Bogthorn and Cemetery); Oxenhope, 1 ; Stanbury, 1 ; and Oldfield, 1.

All work is done by direct labour except Oakworth and Stanbury Districts which are let by contract.

### Salvage.

This work has been carried on to some extent previous to this and the last World War, but more extensively since the outbreak of the present hostilities, as will be seen from the following table :



					value	£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	464 tons	5 cwts.	2 qrs.		2584	3	9	
Light Iron	23 "	5 "	2 "		46	11	6	
Baled Scrap	30 "	8 "	2 "		49	15	10	
Non Ferrous Metals	1 "	1 "	3 "		29	5	10	
Textiles	6 "	12 "	2 "		78	10	5	
Waste Rubber	7 "	9 "	3 "		12	13	3	
Bones	11 "	2 "	1 "		41	13	0	
Kitchen Waste	48 "	3 "	2 "		78	14	11	
Cullest	2 "	12 "	0 "		2	10	0	
Bottles and Jars (565 doz.)	2 "	19 "	3 "		15	5	0	
Manure	81 "	0 "	0 "		17	11	6	
Dried Blood	20 "	16 "	3 "		17	8	8	
Curled Hair						7	0	
Total	699 tons	17 cwts.	3 qrs.		2974	10	8	

The Department have three hand presses for the baling of waste paper and one power press for baling tins. The paper presses are operated at the Depot and the baling press at Marley Tip.

Thanks are due to the staff for their co-operation in this effort.









